

Bradford

q3 2011 business confidence report



headlines

- Q3 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Bradford when compared to any previous Q3.
- August 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Bradford when compared to any previous August.
- July 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Bradford when compared to any previous July.
- Q3 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Bradford when compared to any previous Q3.
- Q3 2011 was a record quarter for net growth in Bradford when compared to any quarter in history.
- August 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Bradford when compared to any previous August.

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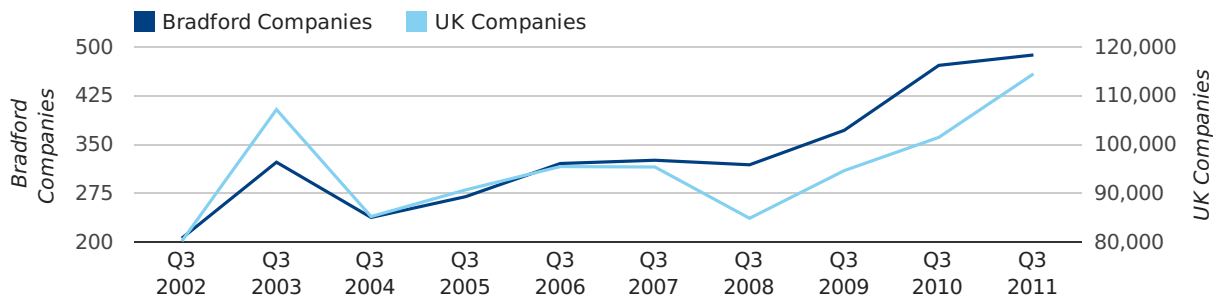
Q3 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Bradford when compared to any previous Q3.

A total of 488 companies were registered in Bradford during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is an increase of 3.4% versus the same period last year (Q3 2010). This figure compares badly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 12.8% against the same period last year.

| THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011) | BRADFORD | UK |
|-------------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 488 | 114,512 |
| 2010 | 472 | 101,492 |
| % CHANGE | 3.4% | 12.8% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2011 (488) | 2011 (114,512) |

new companies by quarter

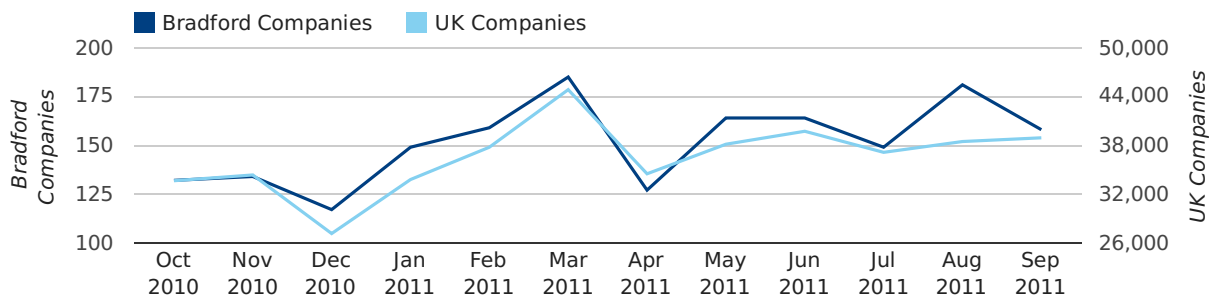


Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

August 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Bradford when compared to any previous August.

July 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Bradford when compared to any previous July.

new companies by month



| | JULY | AUGUST | SEPTEMBER |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| NEW COMPANIES IN 2011 | 149 | 181 | 158 |
| NEW COMPANIES IN 2010 | 138 | 161 | 173 |
| % CHANGE | 8.0% | 12.4% | -8.7% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2011 (149) | 2011 (181) | 2010 (173) |

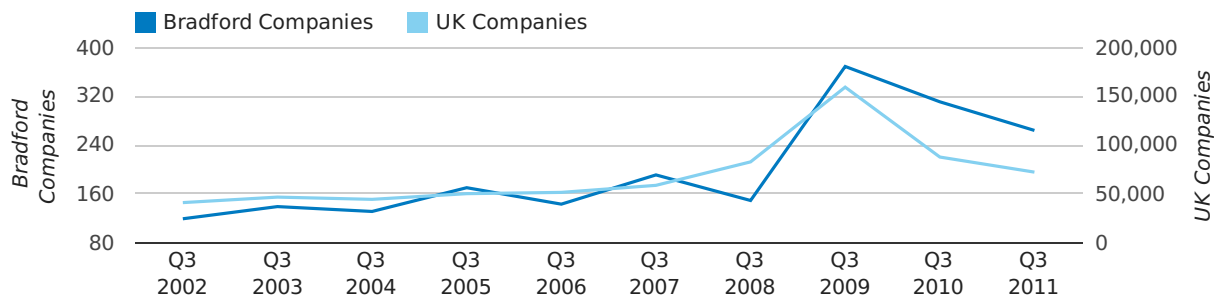
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

A total of 264 companies were dissolved in Bradford during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 15.1% versus the same period last year (Q3 2010). This figure compares poorly to the UK as a whole, which saw a decrease of 17.6% against the same period last year.

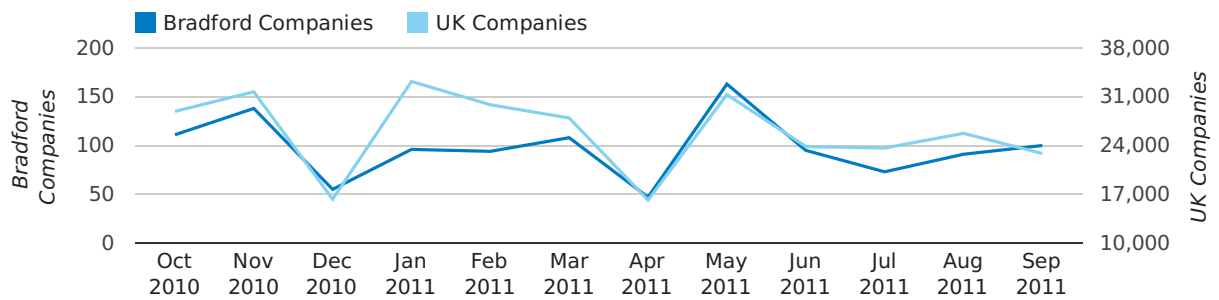
| THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011) | BRADFORD | UK |
|-------------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 264 | 72,230 |
| 2010 | 311 | 87,705 |
| % CHANGE | -15.1% | -17.6% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2009 (369) | 2009 (159,401) |

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

dissolved companies by month



| | JULY | AUGUST | SEPTEMBER |
|--------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011 | 73 | 91 | 100 |
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010 | 96 | 102 | 113 |
| % CHANGE | -24.0% | -10.8% | -12% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2010 (96) | 2008 (127) | 2009 (210) |

Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

Q3 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Bradford when compared to any previous Q3.

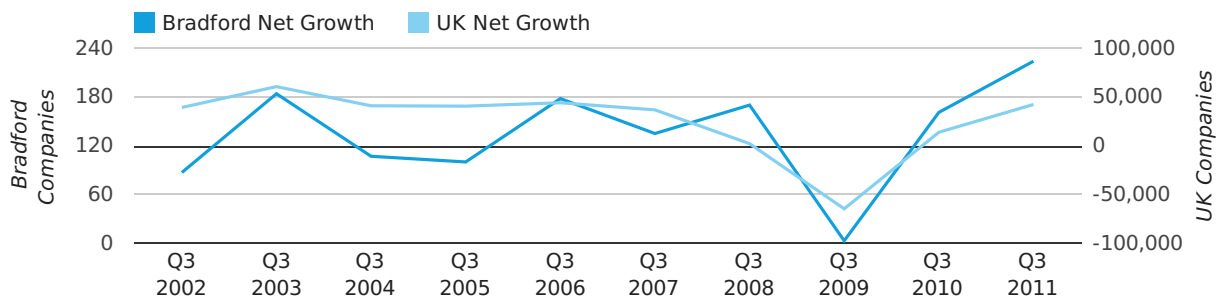
Q3 2011 was a record quarter for net growth in Bradford when compared to any quarter in history.

Net company growth for Bradford during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011) was 224 companies.

This represents an increase of 39.1% on the same period last year.

| THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011) | BRADFORD | UK |
|-------------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| 2011 | 224 | 42,282 |
| 2010 | 161 | 13,787 |
| % CHANGE | 39.1% | 206.7% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2011 (224) | 2003 (60,597) |

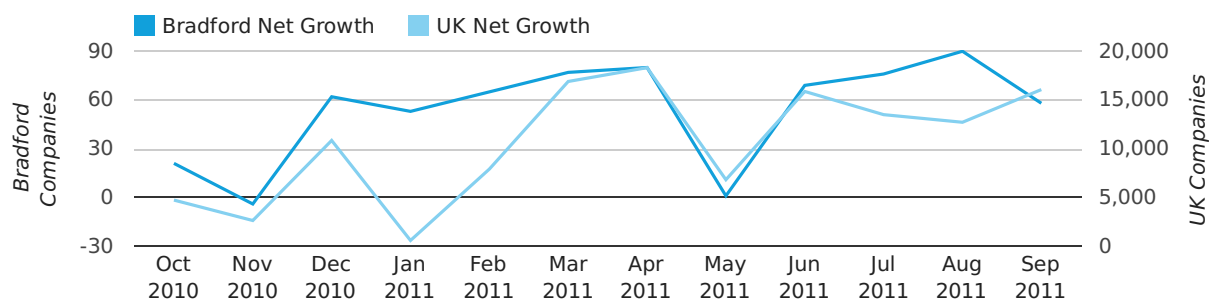
net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

August 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Bradford when compared to any previous August.

net growth by month



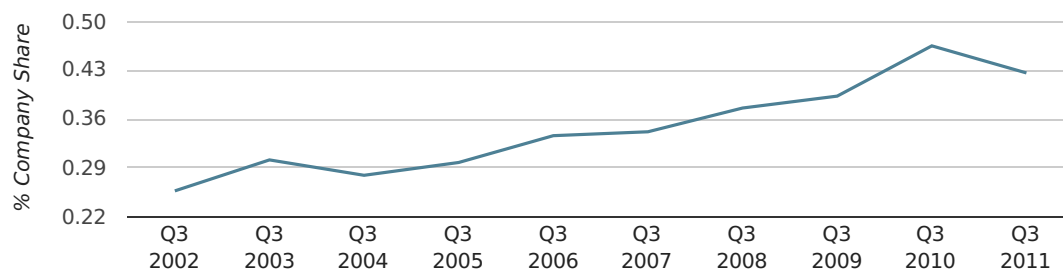
| | JULY | AUGUST | SEPTEMBER |
|--------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| NET GROWTH IN 2011 | 76 | 90 | 58 |
| NET GROWTH IN 2010 | 42 | 59 | 60 |
| % CHANGE | 81.0% | 52.5% | -3.3% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2008 (106) | 2011 (90) | 2008 (93) |

Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

In the third quarter of 2011, Bradford formed 0.4% of all UK companies.

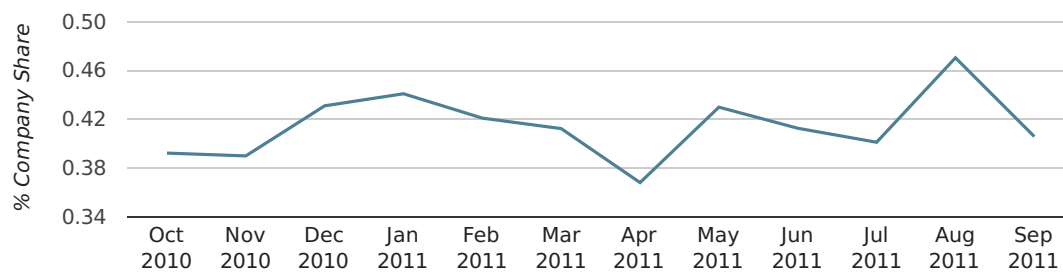
| THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011) | BRADFORD |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| 2011 | 0.4% |
| 2010 | 0.5% |
| 2009 | 0.4% |
| 2008 | 0.4% |
| 2007 | 0.3% |
| RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960) | 1969 (0.7%) |

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

company share by month



| | JULY | AUGUST | SEPTEMBER |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011 | 0.4% | 0.5% | 0.4% |
| UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010 | 0.4% | 0.5% | 0.5% |
| % CHANGE | -1.2% | -5.4% | -17.5% |
| RECORD YEAR | 1962 (1.0%) | 1967 (1.1%) | 1968 (1.0%) |

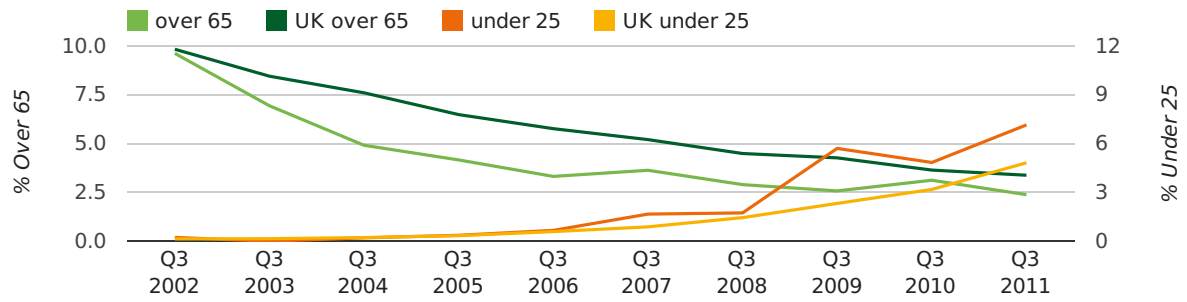
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

The average age of a director in the third quarter of 2011 was 39.0.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 7.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.0%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by quarter

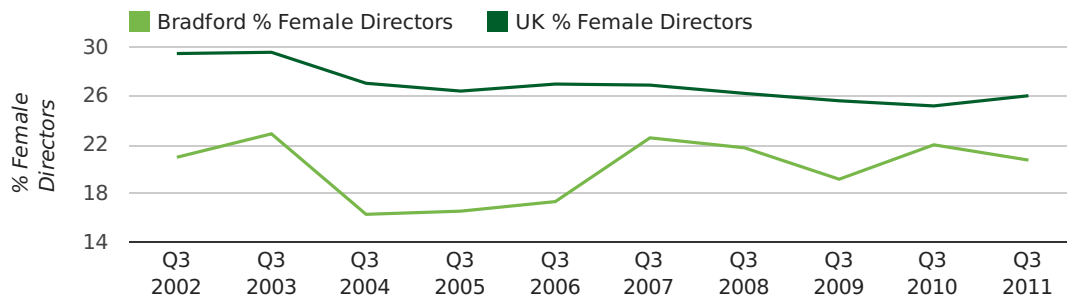


Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

The record third quarter for female directors in Bradford was in 1862 when 50.0% of all directors were female.

20.7% of all director appointments in Bradford in the third quarter of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 26.0% for the same period.

director gender by quarter



Previous 12 months (Sep 2010-Sep 2011)

Excluding: LIMITED, LTD, &, UK, SERVICES, THE, (UK), AND, LTD., A, LLP, SOLUTIONS, COMPANY, OF.

| WORD | PERCENTAGE | UK WORD | UK PERCENTAGE |
|-------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| BRADFORD | 1.30% | CONSULTING | 5.11% |
| MANAGEMENT | 1.22% | MANAGEMENT | 4.75% |
| (YORKSHIRE) | 0.87% | CONSULTANCY | 3.19% |
| CONSULTANCY | 0.83% | PROPERTY | 2.41% |
| PUB | 0.79% | TRADING | 2.06% |
| TRADING | 0.79% | DESIGN | 1.94% |
| YORKSHIRE | 0.75% | ASSOCIATES | 1.85% |
| CAR | 0.75% | BUSINESS | 1.82% |
| LEISURE | 0.71% | CONSULTANTS | 1.76% |
| J | 0.71% | ENGINEERING | 1.74% |
| S | 0.71% | MEDIA | 1.72% |
| B | 0.63% | CONSTRUCTION | 1.72% |
| ASSOCIATES | 0.63% | LONDON | 1.63% |
| CARE | 0.59% | J | 1.47% |
| CENTRE | 0.59% | GLOBAL | 1.46% |
| HOTEL | 0.59% | INVESTMENTS | 1.43% |
| PROPERTIES | 0.55% | CARE | 1.42% |
| (BRADFORD) | 0.55% | IT | 1.38% |
| ENTERPRISES | 0.55% | BUILDING | 1.30% |
| PROPERTY | 0.55% | PROPERTIES | 1.28% |
| ARMS | 0.51% | ELECTRICAL | 1.27% |
| DIRECT | 0.51% | M | 1.25% |
| SYSTEMS | 0.47% | ENERGY | 1.22% |
| CONSULTING | 0.47% | TRAINING | 1.21% |
| K | 0.43% | S | 1.21% |

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

| SIC CODE | NUMBER OF COMPANIES | UK COMPANIES |
|--|---------------------|--------------|
| None Supplied | 1,112 | 204,493 |
| 7487 - Other business activities | 224 | 65,177 |
| 5540 - Bars | 109 | 2,379 |
| 9999 - Dormant Company | 75 | 22,587 |
| 82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified | 73 | 29,245 |
| 9305 - Other service activities | 42 | 10,525 |
| 56302 - Public houses and bars | 39 | 1,873 |
| 7414 - Business & management consultancy | 36 | 14,755 |
| 7499 - Non-trading company | 33 | 11,543 |
| 86900 - Other human health activities | 29 | 4,019 |
| 99999 - Dormant Company | 28 | 18,281 |
| 96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified | 28 | 10,018 |
| 74990 - Non-trading company | 27 | 8,064 |
| 62020 - Information technology consultancy activities | 26 | 10,137 |
| 8514 - Other human health activities | 25 | 2,943 |
| 70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management | 24 | 15,760 |
| 7032 - Manage real estate, fee or contract | 21 | 2,493 |
| 7260 - Other computer related activities | 20 | 8,686 |
| 68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate | 19 | 3,614 |
| 7222 - Other software consultancy and supply | 19 | 8,345 |